



Morning Highlights

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Wildland Fire and Smoke Update

Nine new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday including two small, human caused fires on the Chugach National Forest which are now out, and two small lightning caused fires on the Tongass National Forest, both of which have been contained. A small fire caused by a powerline was contained by Delta Area Forestry, VFD and an EFF squad. A 50 acre lightning caused fire was reported in the Tanana Zone and is being monitored. Two fires were reported in the Fairbanks area, one human caused and one caused by lightning. A fire was also reported in the Haines Area.

As of 11 am Wednesday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 363 fires and 620,729.7 acres burned this year. At this time last year, 288 fires had burned 27,675.1 acres.

70 fires are active across Alaska and eight fires are staffed with firefighters.

Rock Slough Fire	10,018 acres	<u>139 personnel</u> Gannet Glacier Type 2IA crew Midnight Sun Type 1 crew North Star Type 2 crew Venetie #1 Type 2 crew Ft. Yukon #2 Type 2 crew
Bear Creek Fire	32,546 acres	<u>22 personnel</u> Chena Type 1 crew
Zitziana Fire	30,335 acres	<u>37 personnel</u> Pioneer Peak Type 1 crew
Minto Flats South Fire	125,687 acres	192 personnel Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team Boise Hotshots Bonneville Hotshots Idaho City Hotshots Sawtooth Hotshots Snake River Hotshots Fairbanks #1 Type 2 crew

Foxhole	2 acres	36 personnel Delta #2 Type 2 crew Fairbanks #3 Type 2 crew
Chakina Fire	5,500 acres	9 personnel
Lunch Lake Fire	3,800 acres	20 personnel
Winter Trail Fire	2,310 acres	37 personnel

With the warmer, drier conditions, fire activity is increasing for much of the state. Persistent smoke is expected to remain over most of interior Alaska for some time until the weather pattern changes. To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
 - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
 - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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